

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

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STEVEN J. BURTON, National Chairman

22 Dec. 68

Dear Harold,

You are correct about my not paying attention to your letter of 2 Dec. Because of the Xmas mail, I guess, it overlapped my check to you.

Your account of the charges is as follows:

11 July 67	5 copies Photo WW	\$12.88
5 March 68	15 copies WWII	\$38.08
22 March 68	10 copies WWII	\$25.71
	TOTAL	\$86.67

First of all, there is an error in your addition. The total is \$76.67. Secondly, your shipment of 5 March never arrived. If you will check past correspondence, you will find a letter from me dated between 22 March and 5 March saying this. That is why there were two shipments of the same book within three weeks when, obviously, I did not sell that many books so quickly. Or, I just thought, it is possible that we had a telephone conversation to that effect. I am relying on my memory, so I cannot be certain.

So, my account of the charges is as follows:

11 July 68	5 PhWW	\$12.88	
22 March 68	10 WWII	\$25.71	
	TOTAL	\$38.59	
	less paid 13 Dec	24.00	CCI check #248
	BALANCE DUE AND PAYABLE	14.59	

To check my figures, you will find that:

My TOTAL	\$38.59
added to \$38.08 not delivered	38.08
added to \$10.00 error	10.00
equals your TOTAL	~~86.67~~

Enclosed, find a check for 14.59. If I have made an error, we can always work it out.

*Best,
Steve*

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I am in the process of writing the Hepburn memo. It will be long and I want it to be absolutely exact. I had the flu bad and, with my weak lungs, have still not fully recovered after 3 weeks. I am constantly coughing (and not smoking!) and become extremely fatigued after four or five hours of work. The doctors don't know what's up nor what to do. At least there is no school now. It's not fun.

As far as a complete Rose memo and Bradley memo go, I will not write it until I receive permission from Lou Ivon. As far as I am concerned, I still owe allegiance and secrecy to the office and I will not take it upon myself to divulge that which I have been told to keep to myself. I have mentioned your request to no one save Maggie and will wait for you to o.k. me asking Louie. You seemed very strong on this point, so I will respect your request.

I had tentatively decided to formally resign from Jim's staff, while offering to continue my aid, just before your letter arrived. That letter removed the uncertainty from my decision and I have sent a very polite letter to Jim.

I know of nothing really suspicious that Boxley has done -- that is save what Louie and Alcock have told me. I never did any work with him, met him in person once in N.O. where he struck me as a real nice guy (which means little). He phoned me once to ask me to take a look at Thomas Braden in Oceanside to get a physical description to see if there is any relationship to Jim. I did it. That's all I know personally about Boxley.

At this time, I think that it is in my interest to make my own opinions on the Bradley case crystal clear, without revealing evidence. I do not consider the Allen/Smith photos, nor the Max Gonzales story, nor the Roger Craig story to be credible. I have therefore seen nothing personally that I consider credible to place Bradley in Dallas or New

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Orleans. I am familiar with several witnesses in California. I do not believe that I have the personal knowledge necessary to access one of them. I have met, talked at length, and worked with three others. I most definitely consider their stories to be credible. The effect of what I consider credible, that I have personal knowledge of, therefore, is that Bradley is very hard core right wing. He was seriously considering killing JFK. He spoke to several persons about this and came close to committing an overt act here in California (but not quite far enough). He implied shortly after the murder that he had been involved in some way.

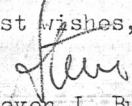
More than that, I do not know. I consider, at this time, that Bradley is innocent of participation in the actual crime -- in more than just the legal presumptive sense. Aborted plot?

The above is very carefully worded and is all that I feel confident to come to a conclusion about. I presume that the office has further evidence, but I cannot come to conclusions based on presumptions. Prior to the hubbub of the past weeks, I had not in any way formalized any conclusions about his guilt or innocence. As merely an investigator for the office, it is not my place to be the final decision maker regarding guilt or innocence; I am far from competent.

Similarly on Rose -- I do not consider him to be an agent. I have worked with him a little, but not very much at all. On the basis of mutual work, I am really not enough in the know to take a strong position. I have, on the other hand, had many lengthy conversations with him that cannot properly be considered work. Subjectively, then (with the attendant weaknesses of subjectivity), I do not consider him to be an agent at all. Too many things are inconsistent with that. But that which I don't know is properly the best criteria for judgment.

By the way, as far as I'm concerned, Hepburn is a total phony.

Best wishes,


Steven J. Burton